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# **Principles Against Intolerance**

In March 2016, the UC Regents approved the "Principles Against Intolerance," a set of principles that outline the academic and community values necessary to realize the University's core mission. The Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) shares the Principles' commitment to building an equal learning and working environment for all.

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- (a). Mission = inclusive excellence
- (b). Discrimination is prohibited
- (c). Leaders should challenge bias
- (d). Free speech is paramount
- (e). Words matter
- (f). "Can" does not mean "should"
- (g). No identity-test for University leadership positions
- (h). No heckler's veto
- (i). Behavior can be punished, including "hate" penalty enhancements
- (j). University leaders should respond fully and promptly against bias

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## Principle (a). *Mission* = *inclusive* excellence

The mission of the University is to promote discovery and create and disseminate knowledge, to expand opportunities for all, and to educate a civil populace and the next generation of leaders. The University therefore strives to foster an environment in which all are included, all are given an equal opportunity to learn and explore, in which differences as well as commonalities are celebrated, and in which dissenting viewpoints are not only tolerated but encouraged. Acts of hatred and other intolerant conduct, as well as acts of discrimination that demean our differences, are antithetical to the values of the University and serve to undermine its purpose.

#### EDI efforts that promote Principle (a):

- Student Advisory Board
- Equity Advisors
- BruiNext: Pathways and Possibilities Student Mock Class Initiative
- Inclusion Strategies
- EDI Program Funding (highlights)
- Resources for Racial Trauma
- Resources on Anti-Asian Discrimination
- Resources on Immigration Policy Changes
- Resources on Native American and Indigenous Affairs
- EDI Data Hub RASS

- EDCase 2:24-cv-04702-MCS-PD Document 48-72 Filed 06/24/24 Page 4 of 7 Page ID #:637
  - #StopAsianHate and Reckoning with Current Events (April 7, 2021)
  - A Conversation on Community (November 5, 2020)
  - The Thurgood Marshall Lecture: "Civil Rights & Democracy in Crisis" (February 4, 2020)
  - CrossCheck Live: "Freedom to Protest & Freedom to Speak: The Challenges and Opportunities for University Governance" (April 23, 2019)

## Principle (b). Discrimination is prohibited

University policy prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), genetic information (including family medical history), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, service in the uniformed services, or the intersection of any of these factors. Prohibited discrimination arising from historical biases, stereotypes and prejudices jeopardizes the research, teaching and service mission of the University. This mission is best served when members of the University community collaborate to foster an equal learning environment for all, in which all members of the community are welcomed and confident of their physical safety.

#### **EDI efforts that promote Principle (b):**

- Building up Discrimination Prevention Office & Title IX Office
- DPO Leadership Briefings
- Public Accountability Reports & Investigation Reports & Summaries
- UCLA Policy 240: Investigating Allegations of Student Conduct that Negatively Impacts Campus Climate
- EDI Procedures for Handling Allegations of Discrimination, Harassment, or Retaliation
- Confronting Bias
- UCLA Policy Archives

## Principle (c). Leaders should challenge bias

Human history encompasses many periods in which biased, stereotypical or prejudiced discourse, left unchallenged and uncontested, has led to enormous tragedy. In a community of learners, teachers, and knowledge-seekers, the University is best served when its leaders challenge speech and action reflecting bias, stereotypes, and/or intolerance. Anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination have no place in the University. The Regents call on University leaders actively to challenge anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination when and wherever they emerge within the University community.

#### **EDI** efforts that promote Principle (c):

- Real-Time Communications and Resources
- Free Speech on Campus: the Basics, the Myths, the Challenges (pdf)
- Public Statements
- BruinX Implicit Bias Video Series
- EDI Events
  - #StopAsianHate and Reckoning with Current Events (April 7, 2021)
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Freedom of expression and freedom of inquiry are paramount in a public research university and form the bedrock on which our mission of discovery is founded. The University will vigorously defend the principles of the First Amendment and academic freedom against any efforts to subvert or abridge them.

#### **EDI efforts that promote Principle (d):**

- Freedom of Speech
- Free Speech 101: UCLA's Week on Freedom of Speech
- CrossCheck Live (e.g., Campus Speech: A Right to Speak? A Duty to Listen? An Obligation to Learn?)
- Free Speech on Campus: the Basics, the Myths, the Challenges (pdf)
- UCLA Content Neutral Time, Place and Manner Regulations

## Principle (e). Words Matter

Each member of the University community is entitled to speak, to be heard, and to be engaged based on the merits of their views, and unburdened by historical biases, stereotypes and prejudices. Discourse that reflects such biases, stereotypes or prejudice can undermine the equal and welcoming learning environment that the University of California strives to foster. The University seeks to educate members of the community to recognize, understand and avoid biases, stereotypes and prejudices.

#### **EDI** efforts that promote Principle (e):

- BruinX Implicit Bias Video Series
- DPO Leadership Briefings
- Faculty Hiring Training & Resources
- EDI Resources

### Principle (f). "Can" does not equal "should"

Regardless of whether one has a legal right to speak in a manner that reflects bias, stereotypes, prejudice and intolerance, each member of the University community is expected to consider his or her responsibilities as well as his or her rights. Intellectual and creative expression that is intended to shock has a place in our community. Nevertheless, mutual respect and civility within debate and dialogue advance the mission of the University, advance each of us as learners and teachers, and advance a democratic society.

#### **EDI** efforts that promote Principle (f):

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## Principle (g). No identity test for University leadership positions

Candidates for University leadership positions are entitled to consideration based on their stated views and actions, and in a manner consistent with the University's nondiscrimination policy. Efforts to discredit such candidates based on bias or stereotyping should not go unchallenged.

#### **EDI** efforts that promote Principle (g):

- Faculty Hiring Training & Resources
- DPO Leadership Briefings
- BruinX Implicit Bias Video Series

## Principle (h). No heckler's veto

Actions that physically or otherwise interfere with the ability of an individual or group to assemble, speak, and share or hear the opinions of others (within time place and manner restrictions adopted by the University) impair the mission and intellectual life of the University and will not be tolerated.

#### **EDI** efforts that promote Principle (h):

- Free Speech on Campus: the Basics, the Myths, the Challenges [pdf]
- UCLA Policy 240: Investigating Allegations of Student Conduct that Negatively Impacts Campus Climate
- UCLA Content Neutral Time, Place and Manner Regulations
- Freedom of Speech
- Free Speech 101: UCLA's Week on Freedom of Speech
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# Principle (i). Behavior can be punished, including "hate" penalty enhancements

Harassment, threats, assaults, vandalism, and destruction of property, as defined by University policy, will not be tolerated within the University community. Where investigation establishes that such unlawful conduct was targeted at an individual or individuals based on discrimination prohibited by University policy, University administrators should consider discipline that includes enhanced sanctions. In addition to discipline and consistent with the University's mission to educate members of our community, University administrators should use all available tools, including restorative justice techniques, to address such unlawful conduct, in order to foster learning and mutual respect.

### **EDI efforts that promote Principle (i):**

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- Public Accountability Reports & investigation Reports & Summaries 06/24/24 Page 7 of 7 Page ID #:640
- UCLA Policy 240: Investigating Allegations of Student Conduct that Negatively Impacts Campus Climate
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# Principle (j). University leaders should respond fully and promptly against bias

The Regents call on University leaders to apply these Principles Against Intolerance and all other University policies directed to discrimination and intolerance to the full extent permissible under law. University leaders should assure that they have processes in place to respond promptly, and at the highest levels of the University, when appropriate, when intolerant and/or discriminatory acts occur. Such response should include consideration of support for members of the community directly affected by such acts.

#### **EDI** efforts that promote Principle (j):

- Public Statements
- Real-Time Communications and Resources
- Chancellor's Advisory Council on Immigration Policy
- Resource Hubs (e.g., Resources for Racial Trauma; Resources on Anti-Asian Discrimination; Processing the Election; Immigration Policy Changes)

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UCLA's Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) leads and advances strategies for enhancing equity, diversity and inclusion; protecting civil rights; and upholding dignity for all in our community.

As a land grant institution, the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at UCLA acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands).

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